Financial Terms and Ratio Definitions

Total Revenue

The total amount of a company's sales and other sources of income; it is important to note that revenue is distinct from earnings or profits, which takes expenses into account.

Total Equity

A firm's total assets minus its total liabilities. Equivalently, it is share capital plus retained earnings minus treasury shares (i.e. available worth to be liquidated before affecting debtors in bankruptcy).

Return on Capital

Return on invested capital (ROIC) is a financial measure that quantifies how well a company generates cash flow relative to the capital it has invested in its business. It is defined as net operating profit less adjusted taxes divided by invested capital.

Intangible Assets/Revenue

Measure of a company's ability to generate revenue from continuing operations. Ratio measures a company's assets not easily liquidated against total revenue.

Gross Margin

A company's total sales revenue minus its cost of goods sold, divided by the total sales revenue, expressed as a percentage. The gross margin represents the profit margin from sales of products and services.

$$Gross\ Margin = \frac{Revenue - Cost\ of\ Goods\ Sold}{Revenue}$$

EBITDA Interest Coverage

A measure of a company's available indirect cash from operations that can be used to pay interest expense. Also known as EBITDA Coverage, the ratio is calculated as follows:

$$EBITDA\ Interest\ Coverage = \frac{EBITDA}{Interest\ Payments}$$

Net Debt to EBITDA

A measurement of leverage, calculated as a company's interest-bearing liabilities minus cash or cash equivalents, divided by its EBITDA.

$$Net \ Debt \ to \ EBITDA = \frac{Debt - (Cash \ and \ Cash \ equivalents)}{EBITDA}$$

Basic Defense Interval (BDI)

The number of days a company can cover its obligations with available cash, cash equivalents and receivables.

$$BDI = \frac{(Cash + Cash\ equivalents + Accounts\ Receivable)}{(Operating\ Expenses + Interest\ Expenses + Income\ Tax)/365}$$

Asset Turnover

The amount of revenue generated per dollar of assets. The Asset Turnover ratio is an indicator of the efficiency with which a company is deploying its assets.

$$Asset Turnover = \frac{Revenues}{Total Assets}$$

Payable/Receivable

For a given billing cycle, measures how many times a company can pay its payables from receivables.

Times Interest Earned

Is an indicator of a company's ability to meet the interest payments on its debt, calculated by taking a company's earnings before interest and taxes (EBIT) and dividing it by the total interest payable on bonds and other contractual debt.

Return on Assets

An indicator of how profitable a company is relative to its total assets. Indicates how efficient the firm is using its assets to generate earnings. Calculated by dividing a company's Net Income by its Total Assets.

$$Return on Assets = \frac{Net Income}{Total Assets}$$

Cash Flow from Operations/CAPEX

A measure of a company's ability to finance future investment from continuing operations.

EBITDA Margin (EBITDA/ Total Revenue)

A measurement of a company's operating profitability. It is equal to earnings before interest, tax, depreciation and amortization (EBITDA) divided by total revenue.

Total Debt/Average Daily Production Value

Measures leverage against a company's daily ability to generate cash flow. Average daily production value means stabilized daily production times the average selling price over the same period.

Total Debt/Proven Reserves Value

Measures largest assets against debt. Indicates a company's capacity to take on more debt. Analogous to the calculation of a borrowing base.

Total Debt/Capital

An indicator of the company's financing structure. This ratio indicates the proportion of the company's capital that is financed by debt.

$$Total \ Debt \ to \ Capital = \frac{Total \ Debt}{Total \ Debt + Equity}$$

Total Proved Reserves Value/Asset Retirement Obligation

Measures the capacity to generate future cash flows against asset retirement obligations.

Current Ratio

A liquidity ratio that measures a company's ability to pay short-term obligations with current assets. Current Ratio formula is:

$$Current \ Ratio = \frac{Current \ Assets}{Current \ Liabilities}$$

Cash Flow from Operations/Current Liabilities

A measure of a company's ability to generate cash to cover near term liabilities.